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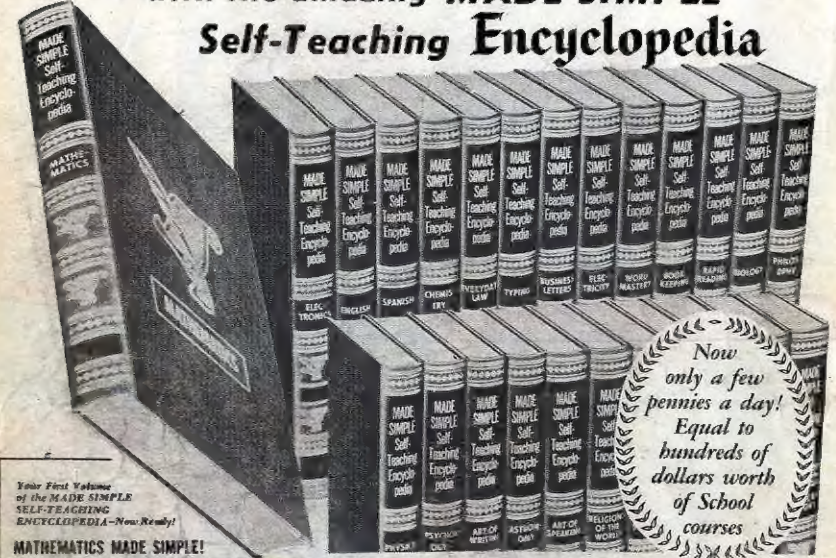

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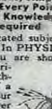

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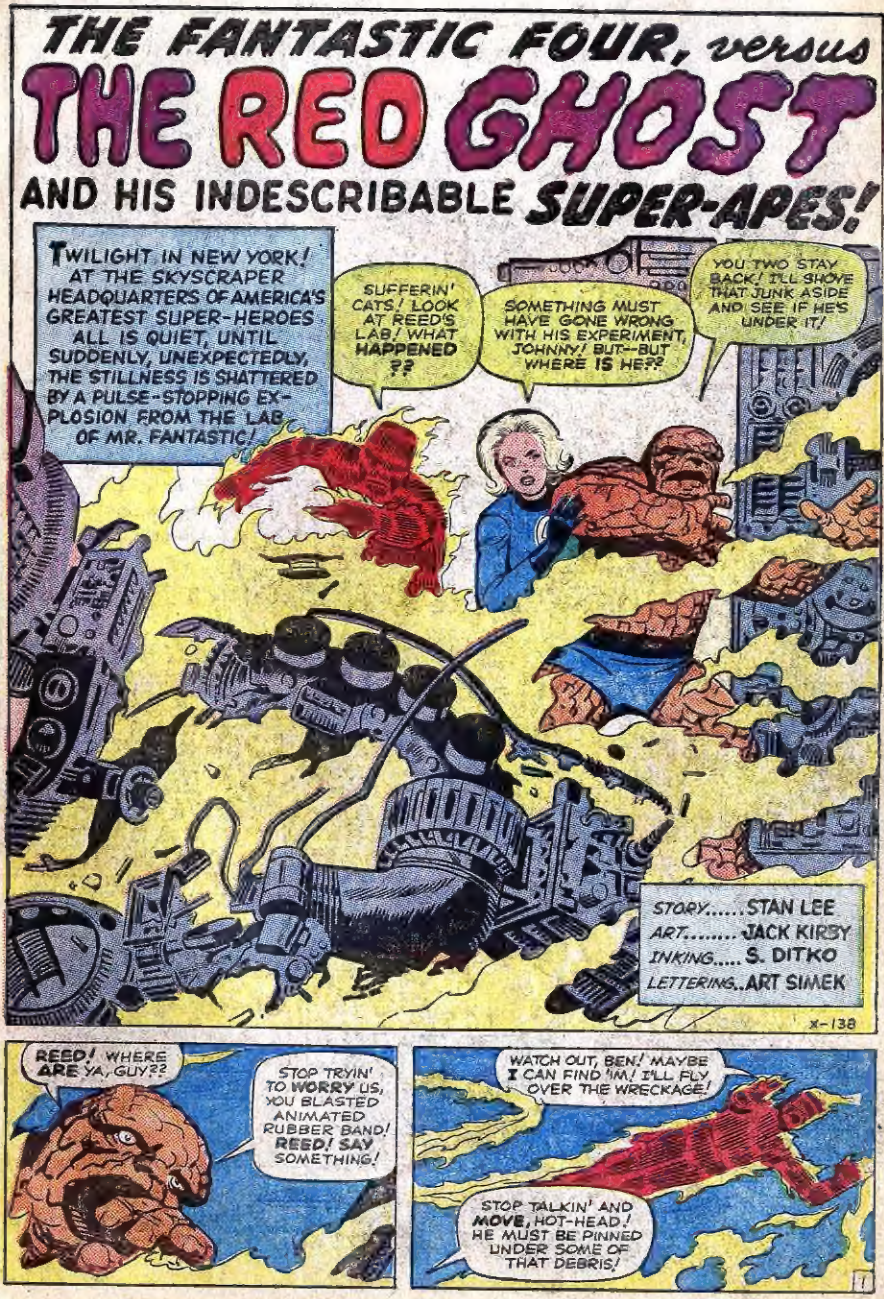
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SUFFERIN' CATS! LOOK AT REED'S LAB! WHAT HAPPENED ??
SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG WITH HIS EXPERIMENT, JOHNNY! BUT--BUT WHERE IS HE??
YOU TWO STAY BACK! I'LL SHOVE THAT JUNK ASIDE AND SEE IF HE'S UNDER IT!
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REED! WHERE ARE YA, GUY??
STOP TRYIN' TO WORRY US, YOU BLASTED ANIMATED RUBBER BAND! REED! SAY SOMETHING!
WATCH OUT, BEN! MAYBE I CAN FIND 'IM! I'LL FLY OVER THE WRECKAGE!
STOP TALKIN' AND MOVE, HOT-HEAD! HE MUST BE PINNED UNDER SOME OF THAT DEBRIS!
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SUDDENLY...
TORCH--COME BACK! I'M OKAY!
GOT TO GET HIM BEFORE THE FUMES OVER-POWER HIM!
THERE HE IS, IN HIS PROTECTIVE STRETCH-SUIT!
THANK HEAVENS --HE'S ALL RIGHT!
GOOD THING THIS SUIT IS ASBESTOS-LINED!
C'MERE, LITTLE PARTNER! THOSE FUMES ARE DANGEROUS!
HUH?
HEY, YOU GOT SOME STRANGE WAY OF THANKIN' A GUY FOR TRYIN' TO HELP!
WHATCHA TRYIN' TO DO? BLOW THE JOINT UP?
I WAS EXPERIMENTING WITH A NEW TYPE OF ENERGY FOR ROCKET PROPULSION, AND IT PROVED EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN I HOPED IT WOULD BE!
OH, REED--YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN KILLED!
YEAH? WHAT'S EVEN WORSE --HE MIGHTA KILLED US!
LOOK! IT'S STILL GLOWING--STILL GIVING OFF ENERGY! DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS?
YEAH--WE'RE LIABLE TO GET A HOT-FOOT!
QUIT CLOWNING, BEN! I'VE DIS-COVERED A BOOSTER FUEL POWER-FUL ENOUGH TO ENABLE US TO CATCH UP WITH THE REDS IN THE RACE TO THE MOON!
YOU MEAN THAT LITTLE THING'LL DO IT?
BUT WHAT IS IT, REED? WHAT'S IT MADE OUT OF?
IT'S COMPOSED OF SUB-STANCES FOUND IN A METEOR CRATER!
I FIRST GOT THE IDEA FOR CREATING IT YEARS AGO-- AND I THINK THE REDS THOUGHT OF IT THEN, TOO!
YOU SEE, A METEOR FELL IN SIBERIA SOME TIME AGO, FLATTENING ONE HUNDRED SQUARE MILES OF FOREST!
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"I HAVE LONG SUSPECTED THAT THEY DEVELOPED THEIR POWERFUL ROCKET THRUST BY UTILIZING THE ENERGY OF THE BURNED-OUT METEOR! SO, I RECENTLY EXPLORED AN AMERICAN METEOR CRATER IN ARIZONA, TO SATISFY MYSELF!"
"I BROUGHT PIECES OF METEORITE BACK TO THE LAB WITH ME, FOR INTENSIVE STUDY! AND THEN I DISCOVERED IT--!"
I WAS RIGHT! THERE IS LIMITLESS ENERGY CONTAINED WITHIN THIS FRAGMENT FROM OUTER SPACE!
AND NOW, I'VE FOUND A WAY TO HARNESS THAT ENERGY! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS EXPOSE THIS IRON BAR TO THE CORRECT RADIATION...
--AND IT WILL FURNISH THE POWER TO SEND A HUGE ROCKET STRAIGHT TO THE MOON!
THIS MEANS AMERICA MAY WIN THE SPACE RACE!
BY NEXT WEEK, AS SOON AS I'VE FINISHED CONVERTING OUR EXPERIMENTAL ROCKET, THAT'S WHERE I'LL BE -- IN THE MYSTERIOUS BLUE AREA OF THE MOON!
JUST ONE CHICKEN-SCRATCHIN' MINUTE THERE, PAL! WADDAYA MEAN WHERE YOU'LL BE?!
THIS IS THE FANTASTIC FOUR, NOT A SOLO ACT! WE'RE GOIN' WITH YA!
NO! NO! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS--TOO UNTESTED! I CAN'T ASK YOU TO RISK YOUR LIVES WITH ME!
BUT YOU MIGHT NEED US, REED!
YOU'RE OUT-VOTED, BOSS-MAN! YOU'RE STUCK WITH US!
TROUBLE WITH YOU IS, WE'VE LET YOU BOSS US AROUND SO MUCH...
...THAT YOU'RE BEGINNIN' TO THINK YOU CAN GET ALONG WITHOUT US!
BEN, CUT IT OUT! DON'T--
BUT WE GOT A BIG INVESTMENT IN YOU! WE AINT GONNA LET YOU GO SOMEWHERE ALONE WHERE YOU MIGHT HURT YOUR ADORABLE SELF!
DO YOU GET THE MESSAGE, MISTER?
I READ YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, LITTLE FRIEND! YOU WIN! WE'LL ALL GO TOGETHER!

BUT, AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GLOBE, BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN, ANOTHER STRANGE EXPERIMENT TAKES PLACE...
THAT IS IT! YOU MUST NEVER FORGET, WHEN THE RED LIGHT FLASHES, YOU TURN THE ESCAPE HATCH WHEEL!
ONLY A GENIUS SUCH AS I, IVAN KRAGOFF, COULD HAVE TRAINED A GORILLA TO OPERATE A SPACE SHIP! THERE'S THE BLUE LIGHT!
QUICKLY --PUT ON YOUR MAGNETIC SHOES!
WELL DONE, MY MONSTROUS SLAVE! NOW HERE IS YOUR REWARD!
SEE THAT YOU REMEMBER YOUR LESSONS WHILE I GO AND PRACTICE WITH YOUR OTHER TWO "SCHOOLMATES"!
STAY BACK! NO FOOD FOR YOU YET, COMRADE BABOON!
IT IS IMPORTANT TO ME THAT YOU REMAIN HUNGRY --I WANT YOU TO BE MEAN, VICIOUS, DANGEROUS!
GOOD-- GOOD! YOUR HEART IS FILLED WITH HATRED! SOON I MAY ALLOW YOU TO FIRE YOUR WEAPONS AT A REAL TARGET!
PAK PAK PAK PAK PAK
EVERY ONE A BULLS EYE! YOU SHALL BE A VALUABLE ADDITION TO MY LITTLE CREW!
AND FINALLY YOU-- THE MOST BRAINLESS OF ALL! BUT YOU DON'T NEED BRAINS FOR YOUR WORK!
HERE IS YOUR REWARD! FOR YOU ARE THE ONLY ORANGUTAN IN THE WORLD WHO CAN USE TOOLS AND REPAIR ANY MACHINE AT MY COMMAND!
AT LAST MY CREW OF APES IS READY! AND NOW-- WE GO TO THE MOON-- TO CLAIM IT FOR THE COMMUNIST EMPIRE!
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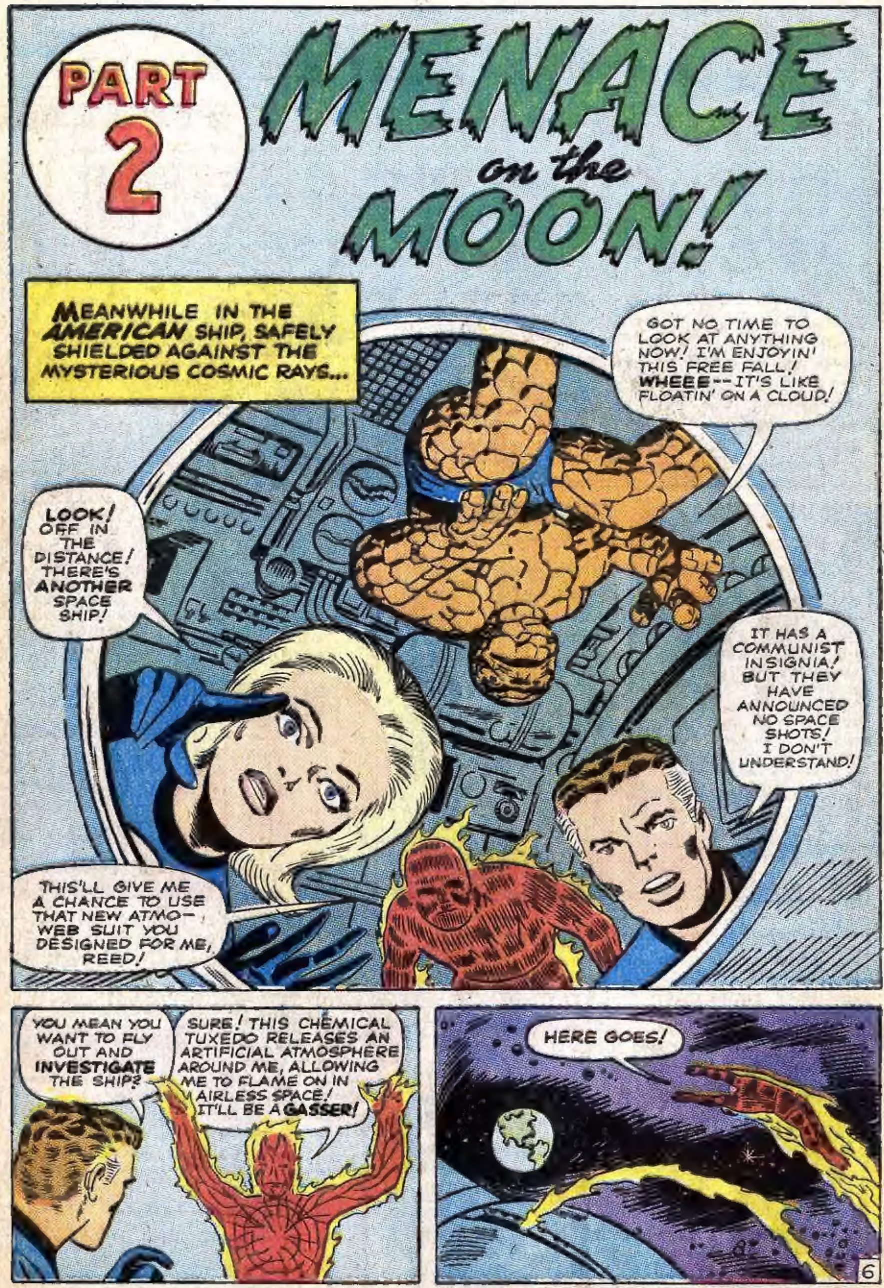
AND, AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, AT THE EXACT MOMENT, IN TWO DIFFERENT HEMISPHERES, A SIMILAR LAUNCHING IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE...
HERE, SUE, LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND UP TO THE ENTRY HATCH!
THIS SURE BEATS USING A GANTRY!
BAH! I AINT A PRETTY GAL, SO NOBODY CARRIES ME!
SET THE CONTROLS, COMRADE GORILLA!
YOU OTHERS SETTLE BACK IN YOUR SAFETY SEATS! OUR GREAT MOMENT IS AT HAND!
BLAST OFF!
BLAST OFF!
BUT IVAN KRAGOFF'S MISSION IS MORE THAN JUST REACHING THE MOON! FOR KRAGOFF HAS STUDIED THE HISTORY OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR FOR MONTHS!
THE MIGHTY FANTASTIC FOUR DERIVED THEIR GREAT POWERS BY BEING BOMBARDED WITH COSMIC RAYS!
THAT IS WHY I HAVE DESIGNED MY SHIP OF TRANSPARENT CERAMIC PLASTIC, LIKE THE NOSE CONE OF A MISSILE, SO THAT THE COSMIC RAYS WILL BOMBARD ME, TOO!
MY SHIP IS COMPLETELY UN-SHIELDED AGAINST THE COSMIC RAYS! WHATEVER DOSE OF RAYS THE FANTASTIC FOUR RECEIVED, I SHALL GET AN EVEN GREATER DOSE--FOR I SHALL NOT TURN AND FLEE FROM THE RAYS AS THEY DID!
I, IVAN KRAGOFF, SHALL BE-COME EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN THE FANTASTIC FOUR... AND SO SHALL MY APES! TOGETHER, WE SHALL BE LORDS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM!
AND NOW IT BEGINS! WE ARE PASSING THRU THE COSMIC BELT! I CAN FEEL THE RAYS! THEY SHALL GIVE ME POWER! POWER! POWER!



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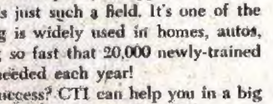

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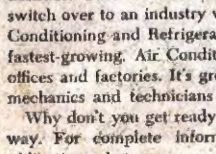

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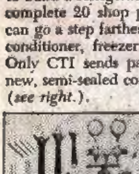

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HOLY COW! THE SHIP'S TRANSPARENT! I CAN SEE RIGHT THRU IT!
BUT--IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT HAS ANY SHIELDING AGAINST COSMIC RAYS!
THIS GETS KOOKIER ALL THE TIME! NO ONE'S ABOARD EXCEPT THAT ONE GUY AND A TRIO OF APES!
WE HAVE PASSED THRU THE COSMIC BELT! NOW FOR THE GREAT MOMENT! LET US SEE WHAT MIRACULOUS SUPER-POWERS WE HAVE ACQUIRED!
STRANGE--YOU--YOU LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME! NO ONE HAS CHANGED!
BUT THAT CAN'T BE! THE RAYS MUST HAVE AFFECTED US! THEY MUST HAVE!
SUDDENLY, THE MASSIVE GORILLA NOTICES THE HUMAN TORCH'S FIERY FORM THRU THE TRANSPARENT HULL OF THE SHIP!
WHAT IS IT?? WHY ARE YOU GAPING THAT WAY?? WHAT IS WRONG??
AND THEN, ALMOST WITHOUT EFFORT, THE LUMBERING ANTHROPOID SEIZES AND LIFTS A FIVE-TON GENERATOR AS THOUGH IT IS WEIGHTLESS!
NO! IT--IT CAN'T BE!
YOU HAVE CHANGED! YOUR STRENGTH HAS INCREASED A HUNDRED-FOLD! BUT STAY BACK--BACK, TILL I DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH YOU!
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THIS GUN WILL KEEP YOU AT BAY TILL--WAIT! THE GUN--WHAT'S HAPPENING TO IT??!
IT'S CHANGING! IT'S ALTERING ITS FORM! IT'S TURNING INTO--
--THE BABOON! HE TOO WAS AFFECTED BY THE COSMIC RAYS! HE NOW HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE HIS SHAPE-- TO TURN INTO A COPY OF ANYTHING!
IT IS MORE THAN I DARED HOPE FOR! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE ORANGUTAN --AND ME??
THEN, AT THAT MOMENT, IVAN KRAGOFF ALSO NOTICES THE HUMAN TORCH...
...AND THE ORANGUTAN SEES THE TORCH, TOO!
THERE IS SOMEONE OUT THERE! THAT IS WHAT EXCITED THE GORILLA BEFORE!
WUUUMMMMMMMMMMM
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOUR ARM--MAGNETIC RAYS ARE COMING FROM IT! YOU--YOU'VE BECOME MAGNETIZED SOMEHOW!
BY POINTING HIS RIGHT ARM AT THE FIGURE OUTSIDE, THE ORANGUTAN REPELLED HIM, JUST AS A DE-POLARIZED MAGNET WOULD REPEL A SHEET OF TIN!
GOT TO MAKE IT BACK TO THE SHIP! GOT TO TELL THE OTHERS!
THEY'VE GOT TO BE WARNED! WE'RE RACING TO THE MOON WITH A COMMUNIST AND THREE SUPER APES--AND THE FOUR OF THEM MAY BE EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN WE ARE!
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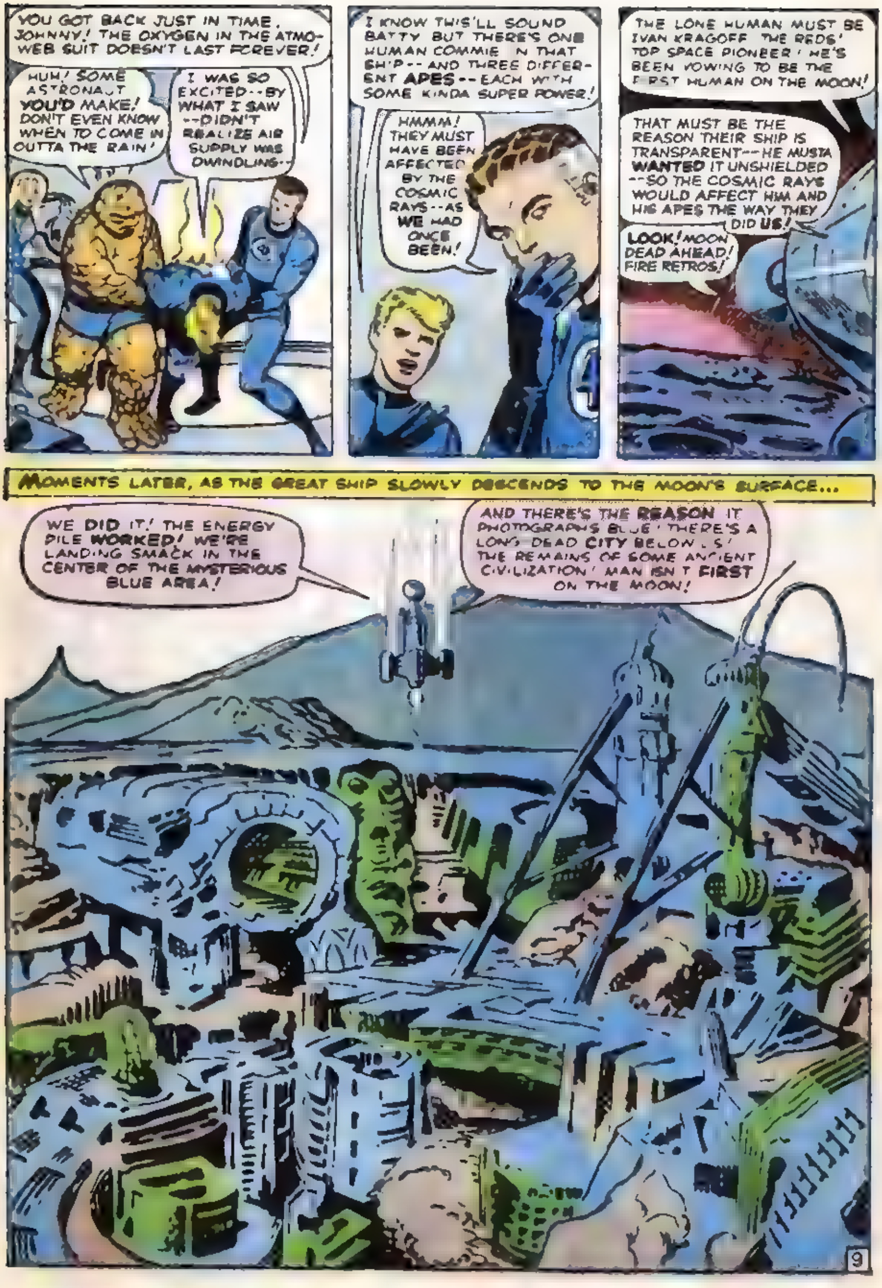

YOU GOT BACK JUST IN TIME, JOHNNY! THE OXYGEN IN THE ATMO-WEB SUIT DOESN'T LAST FOREVER!
HUH! SOME ASTRONAUT YOU'D MAKE! DON'T EVEN KNOW WHEN TO COME IN OUTTA THE RAIN!
I WAS SO EXCITED--BY WHAT I SAW --DIDN'T REALIZE AIR SUPPLY WAS DWINDLING--
I KNOW THIS'LL SOUND BATTY BUT THERE'S ONE HUMAN COMMIE IN THAT SHIP--AND THREE DIFFERENT APES--EACH WITH SOME KINDA SUPER POWER!
HMMM! THEY MUST HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE COSMIC RAYS--AS WE HAD ONCE BEEN!
THE LONE HUMAN MUST BE IVAN KRAGOFF, THE REDS' TOP SPACE PIONEER! HE'S BEEN VOWING TO BE THE FIRST HUMAN ON THE MOON!
THAT MUST BE THE REASON THEIR SHIP IS TRANSPARENT--HE MUSTA WANTED IT UNSHIELDED --SO THE COSMIC RAYS WOULD AFFECT HIM AND HIS APES THE WAY THEY DID US!
LOOK! MOON DEAD AHEAD! FIRE RETROS!
MOMENTS LATER, AS THE GREAT SHIP SLOWLY DESCENDS TO THE MOON'S SURFACE...
WE DID IT! THE ENERGY PILE WORKED! WE'RE LANDING SMACK IN THE CENTER OF THE MYSTERIOUS BLUE AREA!
AND THERE'S THE REASON IT PHOTOGRAPHS BLUE! THERE'S A LONG DEAD CITY BELOW US! THE REMAINS OF SOME ANCIENT CIVILIZATION! MAN ISN'T FIRST ON THE MOON!
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REED! THERE'S AIR HERE! WE WON'T NEED MASKS!
YIPPEE! I CAN FLAME ON! I CAN FLY!
THE ATMOSPHERE EXTENDS FOR MILES! IT MUST HAVE BEEN CREATED BY THE RACE THAT BUILT THIS CITY!
BUT WE'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE OTHER SHIP! LET ME STRETCH UP AND LOOK AROUND! IT MUST ALSO HAVE LANDED BY NOW!
HEY, LOOK AT THIS! IT'S SOME KIND OF AN ULTRA-MODERN HOUSE!
AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH SOME-ONE'S LIVING IN IT! IT'S NOT IN RUINS LIKE THE REST OF THE PLACE!
WE'D BETTER INVESTIGATE IT! C'MON, SUE, I'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT!
HEY! WAIT FOR ME! HOLD ON!
FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD! LOOKS LIKE I JUST CAME ALONG FOR THE RIDE!
THE ONLY TIME ANYONE NOTICES ME IS WHEN THEY NEED A HUNK OF MUSCLE TO SAVE THEM!
I MUST BE LOSIN' MY MARBLES! COULDA SWORN I SAW THAT ROCK MOVE! AW, I'LL JUST KICK THE BLAMED THING OUTA MY WAY...
HEY! WHAT THE HECK--!
FOR THE LUVVA PETE! IT TURNED INTO A BABOON!
THERE'S MORE OF 'EM! THEY MUST BE THE THREE APES THE TORCH SAW!
LEGGO, BLAST YA! TAKE YOUR HAIRY PAWS OFF ME BEFORE I SMASH YOUR EMPTY HEADS TOGETHER!
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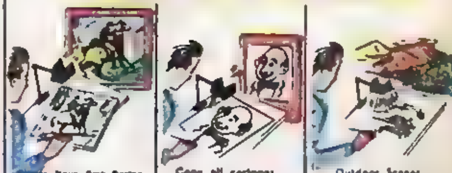

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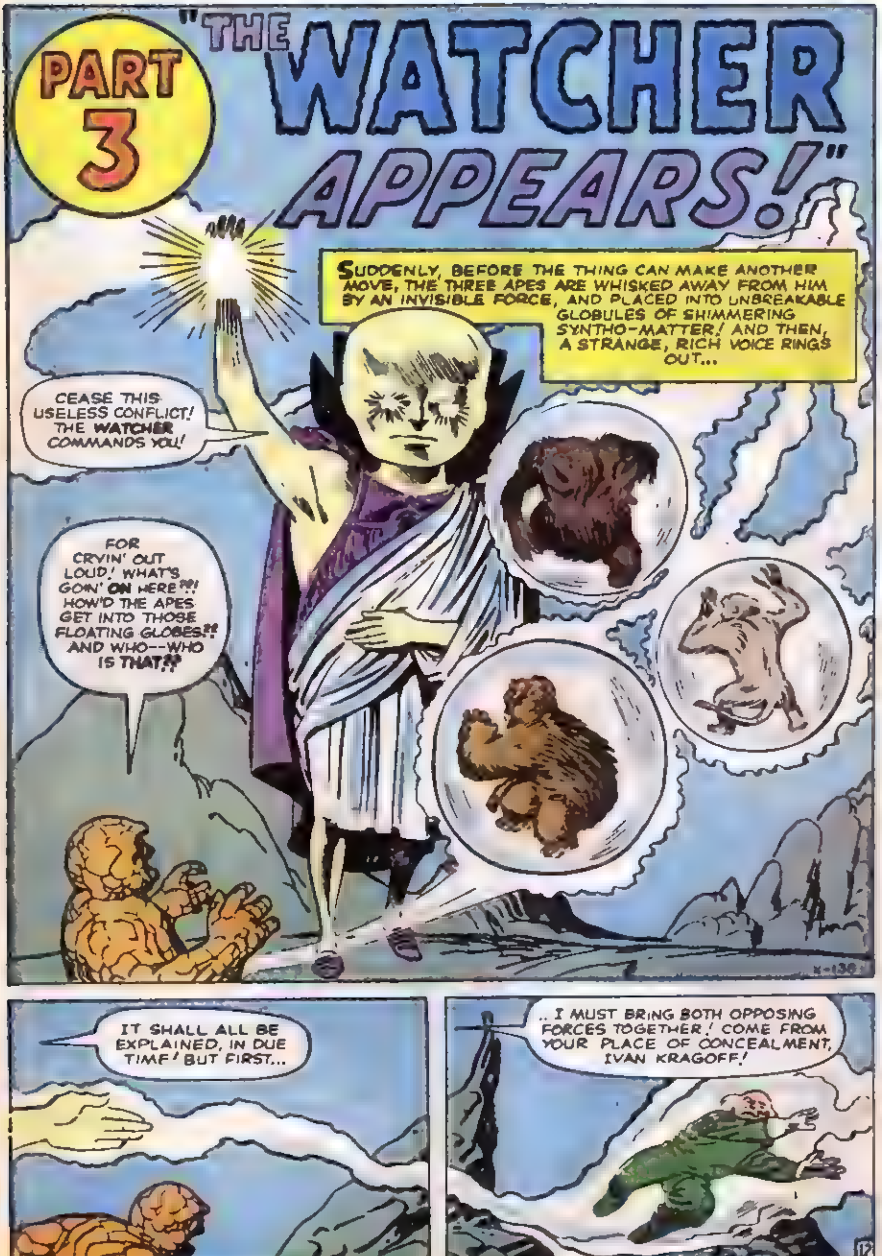
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IT SHALL ALL BE EXPLAINED, IN DUE TIME! BUT FIRST...
..I MUST BRING BOTH OPPOSING FORCES TOGETHER! COME FROM YOUR PLACE OF CONCEALMENT, IVAN KRAGOFF!
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BUT NOW, I HAVE BROKEN THE SILENCE OF CENTURIES, IN ORDER TO SAVE YOUR PEOPLE FROM SAVAGERY!
YOU DARE THINK YOU CAN STOP THE COMMUNIST MARCH OF CONQUEST!??!
SHUDDUP! LET 'IM FINISH!
SOONER OR LATER, BOTH YOUR NATIONS MAY ENGAGE IN A WAR WHICH MIGHT DEVASTATE YOUR ENTIRE PLANET! THAT IS NOT MY CONCERN!
BUT NOW YOU BRING YOUR CONFLICT TO THE MOON-- TO MY DOMAIN! I WILL TOLERATE NO LARGE SCALE WAR HERE! INSTEAD--YOU AND ONLY YOU, SHALL FIGHT IT OUT! I HAVE SPOKEN!
LOOK!! HE--HE IS FADING AWAY!
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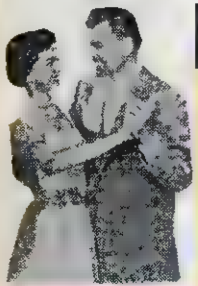

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BREATHIN'S THE LEAST OF OUR WORRIES, SISTER! THE WATCHER MUST HAVE PUT THAT COMMIE AND THOSE BLASTED APES HERE SOMEWHERE TOO! AND THEY'VE ALL GOT SUPER POWERS THAT CAN MATCH OURS!
THAT'S NEVER BOTHERED US BEFORE! IF THAT RED WANTS A FIGHT, I FIGURE THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE JUST THE ONES TO GIVE IT TO 'IM!
THIS IS WRONG! WHY SHOULD WE BATTLE KRAGOFF? WHY CAN'T WE LEAVE OUR DIFFERENCES BEHIND US? THIS IS THE FIRST STEP TO THE STARS-- AND WE SHOULD ALL MAKE THAT TRIP TOGETHER-- AS FELLOW EARTHMEN!
THAT'S A REAL NOBLE THOUGHT, GALAHAD, BUT I GOT NEWS FOR YA--KRAGOFF AIN'T GONNA BUY IT!! NOT WHEN HE THINKS HIM AND THOSE APES ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO LICK US AND CLAIM THE MOON FOR THE COMMIES!
BEN, NOBODY IS STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT A FREE PEOPLE! DON'T EVER FORGET THAT!
THAT HORRIBLE MAN --AND THOSE DEADLY BEASTS--THEY MIGHT BE WATCHING US AT THIS VERY MOMENT--WAITING TO STRIKE!

THE FEMALE IS RIGHT! AND YOU, TORCH, SHALL BE MY FIRST VICTIM! YOU CANNOT FLAME ON IF MY FREEZE-GUN COVERS YOU WITH A COATING OF ICE!!
DUCK, TORCH!! IF THAT SUBSTANCE HITS YOU-- ARGHHH--
A TRULY NOBLE GESTURE! YOU HAVE SACRIFICED YOURSELF FOR THE FLAMING ONE! BUT NOW I CAN SEIZE THE HELPLESS FEMALE AND HOLD HER HOSTAGE!
HE'S GOT SUE! BUT NOT FOR LONG!
YOU'N ME ARE ALWAYS CLAMORIN' FOR ACTION, HOT-HEAD! WELL, HERE'S OUR CHANCE! LET'S GO!
BETTER KEEP OUTTA MY WAY THERE!
NO GIBBERIN' BABOON IS GONNA STOP THE HUMAN TORCH!
BUT THE TORCH MEETS HIS FIRST SET-BACK WHEN, AT A COMMAND FROM THE RED GHOST--
--THE FAST-MOVING SUPER-APE TURNS HIMSELF INTO--A MASS OF THICK ASBESTOS, SMOTHERING THE TORCH'S FLAME WITHIN HIS DEADLY EMBRACE!
AND, AS THE THING RUSHES TO JOHNNY'S SIDE, THE RED GHOST BARKS OUT ANOTHER ORDER, AND THE SECOND SUPER-APE LEAPS INTO THE FRAY! A TON OF FIGHTING FURY SPRINGS AT THE THING, IN THE FORM OF A MADDENED GORILLA, WHOSE NORMAL BRUTAL STRENGTH HAS BEEN INCREASED A HUNDRED-FOLD BY THE AWESOME COSMIC RAYS!
OOOFF--!!
THOSE BLASTED RAYS MADE HIM STRONGER THAN ME! HE TOSSED ME LIKE I WAS NOTHIN'!! WE REALLY GOT A FIGHT ON OUR HANDS!
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THE MEASURE OF A MAN IS NOT HOW WELL HE FIGHTS A WINNING FIGHT, BUT HOW BRAVELY HE FACES HOPELESS ODDS!! AND BENEATH HIS GROTESQUE EXTERIOR, BEN GRIMM IS INDEED--A MAN!
NO MATTER HOW STRONG YA ARE--JUST LET ME LAND ONE HAYMAKER ON YA--JUST ONE!!
BUT, BEFORE THE THING CAN GET WITHIN RANGE...
THAT'S IT, MY PET! YOU OBEYED MY MENTAL COMMAND PERFECTLY!
I KNEW IT! BY EXPOSING OURSELVES TO THE COSMIC RAYS FOR A LONGER TIME THAN THEY DID, WE HAVE BECOME EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN THE FANTASTIC FOUR!! THE WORLD IS OURS!!
AND NOW, MY FAITHFUL ORANGUTAN --ADJUST YOUR MAGNETIC POWERS TO ATTRACT A HUMAN BODY! GOOD! NOW THE GIRL CAN NEVER ESCAPE!
HE-HE IS HOLDING ME TO HIM MAGNETICALLY!! I CAN'T MOVE! I'M COMPLETELY HELPLESS!
BRING HER INTO THIS PNEUMATIC-POWERED CAR I HAVE FOUND! NOW YOU OTHERS, FOLLOW HIM IN! WE SHALL BE GONE WITH OUR PRISONER BEFORE OUR ENEMIES CAN FIND US!
SECONDS LATER, USING A VEHICLE DESIGNED BY AN UNKNOWN, LONG-VANISHED RACE WHICH HAD ONCE INHABITED THE MOON, THE RED GHOST AND HIS SUPER-APES PLUNGE INTO AN UNDERGROUND CAVERN...
..WHILE, ON THE SURFACE...
WHATCHA DOIN' UP THERE, BEN?
WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE, BIG BRAIN?? I'M WAITIN' FOR A TAXI!
NOW SKIP THE DUMB QUESTIONS AND SEE IF YA CAN THAW OUT MR. USELESS OVER THERE!
YOU SURE ARE GREAT WITH THE WISE-CRACKS, BUDDY-BOY... BUT I NOTICE THAT I'M THE ONE DOIN' THE WORK!
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MINUTES LATER...
THANKS, FELLAS! I-I COULDN'T HAVE LASTED MUCH LONGER!
KRAGOFF AND HIS APES MADE OFF WITH SUE, REED! WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE??
BRO-THER!! THERE'S ANOTHER BRILLIANT QUESTION!!
WE WERE WRONG TO TACKLE THEM WITH BRUTE FORCE ALONE! THEY'RE AT LEAST AS STRONG AS WE ARE! WE'VE GOT TO FIND THEM AGAIN, AND THEN OUT-SMART THEM!
IF THAT MEANS WE GOTTA USE OUR BRAINS, THEN THE TORCH BETTER STAY BEHIND!
AW, GO PLAY IN TRAFFIC, YOU BIG OX!
UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF MISTER FANTASTIC, THE TORCH AND THE THING CREATE ANOTHER VEHICLE... ONE CAPABLE OF FOLLOWING THEIR QUARRY INTO THE DARK LABYRINTH!
WHY CAN'T WE FOLLOW 'EM WITHOUT THIS THING??
REED WANTS US TO SAVE OUR STRENGTH FOR WHEN WE'LL NEED IT! NOT THAT YOU GOT ANY TO SAVE, SQUIRT!
GOOD WORK, FELLAS! IT'S CRUDE, BUT IT'LL DO THE JOB!
YOU KIDDIN', PAL?? WHAT'LL WE USE FOR A MOTOR??
WE'VE GOT A READY-MADE MOTOR, TORCH, GET INSIDE THAT CYLINDER AND DO WHAT I TOLD YOU--
SUFFERIN' CATS!! HE TURNED YA INTO A HUMAN JET ENGINE!
REED'S GONNA FOLLOW ON FOOT! HE SAID HE HAS A PLAN--
BEN SAID KRAGOFF CAN'T BE TOUCHED-- CAN'T BE HARMED! I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT HIM! PERHAPS AMONG ALL THESE SCIENTIFIC DEVICES FROM A DEAD CIVILIZATION, I CAN CREATE A WEAPON...
MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY...
I HAVE FREED YOU FROM THE MAGNETIC PULL, FOR YOU CANNOT ESCAPE FROM THIS CHAMBER! SEE HOW I KEEP MY SUPER-APES SEPARATED FROM THOSE PACKAGES OF FOOD BY A FORCE FIELD! THE HUNGRIER THEY ARE, THE MORE THEY OBEY ME!
NO MATTER HOW YOU GLOAT, REED, BEN AND THE TORCH WILL FIND YOU SOON AND THEN
BUT OF COURSE! I WANT THEM TO FIND ME! IN FACT, I SHALL GO NOW AND LURE THEM TO THIS SPOT!
ALTHOUGH THIS LOCKED DOOR WILL KEEP YOU A PRISONER, NOTHING CAN BAR THE WAY OF THE RED GHOST!
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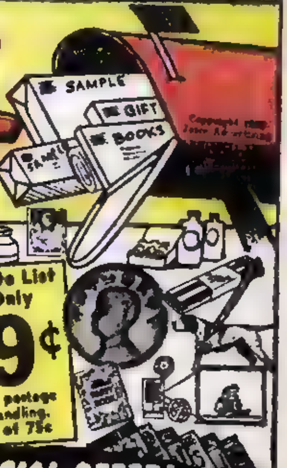

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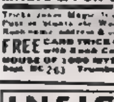

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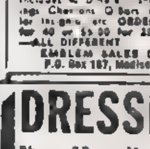

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HUH??
SUE! YOU'RE SAFE!
LET ME TURN INVISIBLE AND WALK THRU THERE FIRST! I THOUGHT SO! A DEADLY RAY GUN OF SOME SORT, AIMED RIGHT AT THIS SPOT!
WHEW-- IT'S NOT AFFECTING YOU, SIS! I GUESS IT WON'T REACT AGAINST ANYTHING WHICH IS BELOW THE VISIBLE SPECTRUM OF SIGHT!
WELL, WHATEVER IT IS, I'LL JUST MAKE SURE IT NEVER MENACES ANYONE AGAIN!
SO THERE YOU ARE, "MR UNTOUCHABLE!" WELL, LET'S SEE IF HEATING THE MOLECULES IN THE AIR ITSELF CAN MAKE IT A LITTLE WARM FOR YOU!
BLASTED BRAT! YOU'VE ESCAPED MY TRAP BUT I'LL GET YOU YET!
I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM THEM TILL I CAN FORMULATE A NEW PLAN!
ESCAPE IS A SIMPLE MATTER FOR ME! I'LL MERELY CLIMB RIGHT THRU THE VERY CORE OF THE DEAD CITY TILL I REACH THE SURFACE!
WHAT A STROKE OF LUCK! THERE IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE WATCHER!
WHAT A FABULOUS STOREHOUSE OF SCIENTIFIC MARVELS IT MUST BE!!
ONCE I LEARN THE WATCHER'S SECRETS, THE UNIVERSE ITSELF WILL BE MINE! AND THERE IS NONE TO STOP ME-- FOR A MAN WHO CANNOT BE TOUCHED, CANNOT BE STOPPED!
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BUT, AS THE RED GHOST LOOKS ABOUT HIM, IN THE STRANGE INTERIOR OF THE WATCHER'S DOMICILE, HE FINDS...
IT'S BEYOND HUMAN UNDERSTANDING! IT'S TOO ALIEN--TOO DIFFERENT! I-I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M LOOKING AT!
SUDDENLY, BEFORE THE INTRUDER'S STARTLED EYES, A VAST SHIMMERY SCREEN APPEARS, AND A DEEP, EMOTIONLESS VOICE FILLS THE HUSHED CHAMBER...
FOOLISH EARTHLING! YOU DARE DISTURB THE PRIVACY OF THE WATCHER??
IN ONE BRIEF MICRO-SECOND, I CAN TRANSPORT YOU TO A PLACE IN LIMBO, WHERE YOU WOULD REMAIN THROUGHOUT ALL OF ETERNITY!
OR, BY EXPENDING THE SMALLEST AMOUNT OF MENTAL ENERGY, I CAN THROW YOU A MILLION YEARS INTO THE PAST!
. OR EQUALLY AS FAR INTO THE DISTANT FUTURE, WHERE YOU WOULD WITNESS THE END OF ENTIRE GALAXIES!
BUT, A MERE HELPLESS HUMAN IS NOT WORTHY OF EVEN THAT MUCH EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE WATCHER, AND SO, I SIMPLY BRUSH YOU FROM MY PRESENCE, AS I WOULD DO TO A MEDDLESOME FLEA!
THERE HE IS! WE FOUND HIM!
HEY! THAT GIZMO YOU PUT TOGETHER REALLY WORKS, CHUM! IT STOPPED THE RED GHOST DEAD IN HIS TRACKS!
I KNEW IT WOULD! I DESIGNED THIS PARALYSIS RAY TO OPERATE ON THE SAME MOLICULAR LEVEL AS HIS OWN ATOMIC BODY STRUCTURE!
IF HE'S HELPLESS-THEN WE--WE'VE WON!
CAN'T BE SURE YET, SUE! THERE IS STILL THE WATCHER TO BE HEARD FROM! AND THE THREE SUPER-APES ARE STILL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR!
LOOK! AT THE EDGE OF THAT CRATER--COMING TOWARDS US! IT'S HIM AGAIN!
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THE CONTEST IS OVER! YOU HAVE TRIUMPHED!
AND MY MISSION, TOO, IS AT AN END!
NOW THAT MANKIND HAS REACHED THE MOON, I MUST GO TO A MORE DISTANT PART OF THE GALAXY, TO OBSERVE YOU MORTALS FROM AFAR! FOR WE WATCHERS MUST BE EVER ALOOF-- EVER APART FROM OTHER RACES!
BUT REMEMBER THIS WELL--NO MATTER WHERE YOU VOYAGE--NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU TRAVEL-- TO WHATEVER REACHES OF THIS LIMITLESS UNIVERSE--YOU WILL NEVER BE--ALONE!
AND NOW, FAREWELL! SPACE IS YOUR HERITAGE-- SEE THAT YOU PROVE WORTHY OF SUCH A GLORIOUS GIFT!
BUT, EVEN AS THE AWESOME FIGURE OF THE WATCHER DWINDLES AWAY INTO THE SILENT NIGHT, FIVE STEEL-SINEWED FINGERS SLOWLY CLOSE AROUND THE DISCARDED PARALYSIS RAY GUN!
WELL DONE, MY FAITHFUL SLAVES! YOU OBEYED MY MENTAL COMMANDS! YOU HAVE REVERSED THE PARALYSIS RAY CYCLE, FREEING ME!
NOW QUICKLY --HAND ME THE WEAPON, AND TOGETHER WE SHALL WIPE OUT OUR UNSUSPECTING ENEMIES!
WAIT! WHY ARE YOU STARING AT ME THAT WAY? AIMING THE RAY AT ME?? YOUR EYES--THEY'RE GLEAMING WITH HATRED--WITH VENGEANCE!
STAY BACK! DO YOU HEAR ME? I AM YOUR MASTER! I MADE YOU WHAT YOU ARE! STAY BACK!
IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T CONTROL THEM! AND AS LONG AS HE HOLDS THE PARALYSIS RAY, I'M AT HIS MERCY!
LOOK! THE SUPER-APES ARE CHASING THE RED GHOST AWAY! THEY'RE ATTACKING THEIR OWN LEADER!
LUCKY FOR US THAT THEY ARE! IF THEY EVER RE-UNITE, THE COMBINATION OF THEIR SUPER-POWERS MIGHT BE ENOUGH TO DEFEAT OUR OWN!
KNOCK IT OFF, REED! YOU SOUND LIKE THE VOICE OF DOOM! WE CAN BEAT ANYBODY--AND YOU KNOW IT!
I WON'T ARGUE, BEN! WE'RE PROBABLY BETTER OFF IF WE ALL FEEL THAT WAY!
AND NOW, WE'LL RETURN TO EARTH AND PRESENT OUR FULLY-TESTED ROCKET FUEL TO THE NATIONAL SPACE AGENCY! OUR MISSION TO THE MOON IS FINISHED!
IT'LL BE GREAT TO GET HOME! WE CAN SURE USE A REST!
BUT, UNKNOWN TO OUR FOUR FRIENDS, THEY ARE HEADING INTO A STILL MORE FANTASTIC ADVENTURE... FOR THEY ARE ABOUT TO AGAIN CROSS THE PATH OF TWO OF THE MOST DANGEROUS FOES THEY'VE EVER FACED--THE MIGHTY SUB-MARINER AND THE SINISTER PUPPET MASTER! BUT, THAT'S A TALE FOR NEXT ISSUE
THE END

Address YOUR letters to:
LEE and KIRBY
FANTASTIC FOUR
THIRD FLOOR
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NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

FANTASTIC 4 FAN PAGE

Dear Stan and Jack:

I have sent numerous postcards to you, but now I think I should give you a complete record of my views. I hope you enjoy reading it as I did writing it. The artwork has improved greatly since issue #1, but I feel you can do better. Your artwork in #6 was below par. As far as covers go, #10 was startling, but not as good as others. #1 was terrible, as was #2, and the cover for #1 was too far from the story. All of your covers are unique, and . . . well . . . I guess generally fantastic, to use my favorite superlative. Stan, your writing cannot be topped although #1 and #2 were, as in the artwork, below par, far below! Your organization in #3 was just what you needed. Costumes were excellent, not too frilly, but still good-looking. The skyscraper headquarters was striking, and I loved your diagrams in #3 and #6, especially #6. I wish you would use the pogo-plane, copter, and missile more often. Now a member analysis: Invisible Girl is not all-important to the team, but I vote to keep her. You need a woman in the group. The Thing is striking because he doesn't resemble anything I have ever seen. Human Torch is of course your best character, and I love him in *Strange Tales*. Keep his saucy character. Mr Fantastic is perfect for the leader. Don't play him down too much because of the Torch. Also, I hope to see more romantic ties between him and Sue, maybe even marriage. But don't let the Sub-Mariner butt in, I beg of you. Doctor Doom is the greatest villain of all time. I expect to see much more of him. At first I thought Sub-Mariner could be rehabilitated, but what can you do after having been a villain for three issues?! I hope you get a new Puppet-Master, but not too soon, maybe in issue #15, or #16. You have got to bring back Moleman, possibly in league with Doctor Doom. It would be interesting to see how you would handle a villain whom you created in your first and worst issue. I would like to end with this: Your well-known claim of "The World's Greatest Comic Magazine" is truly correct and is no idle boast, so good luck, and Auf Wiedersehn!

Frederic Johnson
608 Summit St.
Rockford, Illinois

WHEW! We were better off when you were using postcards! But thanks for the comments, Fred.

Dear Stan and Jack:

How come Alicia could carve out statues when she is blind; how would she know what they look like?? Also, is Dr Doom a robot?

Kenny Glenn
835 9th St
Douglas, Arizona

ALICIA is gifted with sensitive fingers, just like many famous blind musicians. As for DR. DOOM, no, he is not a robot. Perhaps we'll be seeing more of him in the future.

Dear Stan and Jack:

In issue #10, you made a little boo-boo. On page 6, Doctor Doom is shown destroying an ashtray with his sub-miniature transistor-powered atomic blast gun which is, in this picture, housed in his *left* index finger. On page 23, he is shown shooting the same gun at Mr. Fantastic — and the caption says that the gun is in his right index finger! Should you omit such small mistakes, 99% of the critiques written you would be favorable ones. Don't get me wrong! It's just that little improvements would make your great magazine even better!

Harold Echtinaw, Jr.
808 E.M.L. Ave
Kalamazoo, Michigan

We stand corrected, Hal—although why couldn't there be a TWO-GUN villain??

Dear Stan and Jack:

I would like to comment on Paul Gambaccini's panning letter which you printed in #9, as I agree with parts of it. It's obvious that his letter was written in anger and is rather one sided. Although your letter column is a little (a little? A lot!) stacked in your favor, your replies are not "asinine;" it's just that your humor (?) takes some getting used to. Artwork *is* pretty bad but if Mr. Gambaccini would look at #6 (which was inked by Steve Ditko, I think) he will have to admit Kirby's artwork has some good points which are heightened by the superb inking. Paul's probably the first guy to criticize the character conflicts. The characters act like real people would in such situations (for instance, *you'd* be grouchy if you looked like the Thing!). The light touch is necessary to keep the pathos of being changed into a freak from being *too* depressing. It also makes the story much more entertaining. The story plots are pretty stupid at times (the "Puppet-Master" story was really a dud except for the introduction of Alicia). Paul's last sentence ("They are too good to be realistic.") is puzzling. What does he mean, "good?" If he means "goody-goody," I disagree for obvious reasons. Most super-heroes are much more "goody-goody," although I see in Reed, a parody of the typical super-hero. His level-headed, unfailing judgment looks ridiculous when he is surrounded by more realistic characters. Some comments of my own: I think it was inconsistent with previous stories to have Sub-Mariner acting like a full villain in #9, and the stories are better when some of the reader's sympathy is with him. Otherwise, that was a really great story. I really got a kick out of Thing's fight with Sub-Mariner

Robert Ford
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Hey, Bob, speak of the devil — look who our next letter is from!

Dear Editor:

FANTASTIC FOUR has greatly improved, but that's no reason it shouldn't be improved more. The cover of #10 is the best yet, and I have a feeling that you used one of those techniques to get it that way. "Return of Dr. Doom" was very good, but keep him away now! He's gone! He is an AWFUL villain; nothing special to him at all. I'm glad you're lengthening the letter page. Good for you! However, this "Dear Stan and Jack" stuff doesn't seem right; not respectful enough. I mean, you walk up to somebody and say, "Hiya, Kirby!" or, "How ya doin', Stan?" when you've never met him before?????!? Anyway, here are my suggestions: (We've only got room to print *some* — S. & J.) 1) Give HUMAN TORCH his own comic. He's great, no doubt about it. Sure, I know we get him monthly in STRANGE TALES, but that's not enough. 2) PLEASE eliminate those thick borderlines of the word balloons. They are hideous! 3) PLEASE ELIMINATE those five-page stories in your comics. Either make them one tale, or devote the space to THOR, ANT-MAN, etc. You see, I don't buy JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY or TALES TO ASTONISH because of these little stories.

4) None of these giant ant-eaters from Guafa, or insect kings from Zorda. O.K.? 5) Give SUB-MARINER his own magazine. 6)PLEASE eliminate those pin-up pages and text stories! They waste space! 7) Please don't print many of those silly "boo-boo" letters. 8) Let's have more human foes like SUB-MARINER and PASTE-POT-PETE!?!? 9) How about individual comics for ANT-MAN and THOR? (P.S. From the poses in FF #10, you'd think the faces of Lee and Kirby are as bad as Doctor Doom's! How about letting us *see* them, even if it is torture.)

Paul Gambaccini
8 Elizabeth Drive
Westport, Conn.

After the way you pick on our stories, which we think are great, we'd be afraid to show you our faces, which are probably NOT so great!

Dear Stan and Jack:

First of all, I would like to compliment you on issue #10. The first three pages, with the exception of a few panels, were really unnecessary. But it is places such as these that give a certain touch to your characters. I would like to see more of Dr. Doom. Now to go on to part two of my letter. I think the FF should be left exactly as they are. Keep Sue Storm, and the others exactly as they are. Which now brings me to the concluding part of my letter. I see that some fans want some old FF's. Well, I'm your man. Down here in Portsmouth, there is a back-issue store which sells old comics for 6¢. Send me your name, address, comic preferences, and a list of the ones you have. Be sure to include statements such as, "I only like *Tales to Astonish* after Ant-Man came out." I'll try to get the comics for you. Cost is only 6¢ and postage.

Paul Weinstein
2714 Gilbert Ave.
Portsmouth, Ohio

Thanks, Paul. Judging by the number of requests for back-numbers which WE receive, we imagine you'll hear from quite a lot of readers.

Dear Stan and Jack:

In FF #10, you show Johnny Storm (The Torch) saying, "I can concentrate my flame so much that it burns without heat!" He then burned through the lock. What's wrong with you guys? Don't you know that it's the heat that does the burning in a flame. Even if it would be possible to produce a flame without heat, its useful function would be to produce light. In other words, it's the *heat* in a flame that enables it to burn anything. Take away the heat, and you take away its ability to burn anything. Get the point?

Wayne Orlicki
1942 6th Ave.
San Diego 1, California

Nice try, Wayne, but didja ever hear of INFRA-RED rays? You can burn with them without heat. Much of the electrical cooking in large restaurants today is done without heat. If this keeps up, they may stop teaching Boy Scouts how to rub sticks together!

Dear Stan and Jack:

Well, it looks about time for me to eat crow! About three issues ago, my letter was published, and in that letter I commented on having Sue Storm "canned," to coin a term. Well, after having read, *A Day With The Fantastic Four*, in FF #11, and seeing the part where Sue goes to pieces, I realize what a mistake I made. I guess my mind slipped back to the days of the old time serials, and the damsels in distress. You know, it's the same way in life as it is in comics. You tend to think little of someone because you don't understand them or what they stand for. In closing, I ask that Lee and Kirby convey my deepest apologies to Sue . . . and tell her that from now on, she's a friend of mine.

Sincerely yours,
Marty Ross
2819 Schley Ave.
New York 65, N. Y.

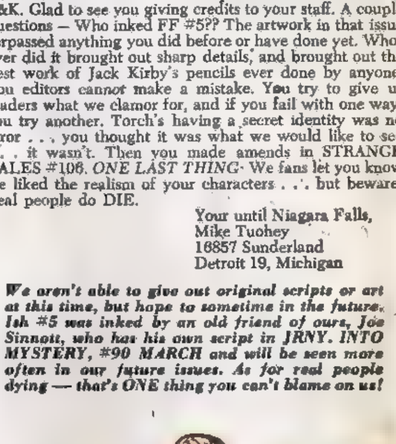
You and a million other guys, Marty! But thanks for the thought!

Dear Stan and Jack:

FANTASTIC FOUR #9 was by far the best issue of this mag yet! I thought for sure you couldn't top the last ish . . . but you did — and undoubtedly will continue to top yourselves every issue (I hope!). Just can't get over the 21 *stupendous* SUB-MARINER vs THING fight panels. Which reminds me . . . I've noticed other companies give out free original art and story scripts for the best letters they receive . . and I think *you*, who have the best of art and plot should also give us readers something we can be proud of the rest of our lives. (Besides the next issue of the fabulous quartet.) How 'bout it? I just got FF #10 and . . . HOLY COW! DOC DOOM AGAIN!? And you guys in it too!? What more could a reader ask for 12¢?? One complaint no face views of L&K. Glad to see you giving credits to your staff. A couple questions — Who inked FF #5?? The artwork in that issue surpassed anything you did before or have done yet. Whoever did it brought out sharp details, and brought out the best work of Jack Kirby's pencils ever done by anyone. You editors can*not* make a mistake. You try to give us readers what we clamor for, and if you fail with one way, you try another. Torch's having a secret identity was no error . . . you thought it was what we would like to see . . . it wasn't. Then you made amends in STRANGE TALES #106. *ONE LAST THING*· We fans let you know we liked the realism of your characters . . . but beware! Real people do DIE.

Your until Niagara Falls,
Mike Tuohey
16857 Sunderland
Detroit 19, Michigan

We aren't able to give out original scripts or art at this time, but hope to sometime in the future. Ish #5 was inked by an old friend of ours, Joe Sinnott, who has his own script in JRNY. INTO MYSTERY, #90 MARCH and will be seen more often in our future issues. As for real people dying — that's ONE thing you can't blame on us!



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- **Once again we want to thank the hundreds of loyal fans whose interesting letters can't be printed due to lack of space. Please rest assured that either Stan, or Jack, or both read each and every one personally, and are tremendously grateful for your interest and support.**
- **Final result of our "ADD NEW CHARACTERS" poll: The count is three-to-one AGAINST adding any new members to the FF. But most readers would like to see frequent guest appearances by our other super-heroes. Will do.**
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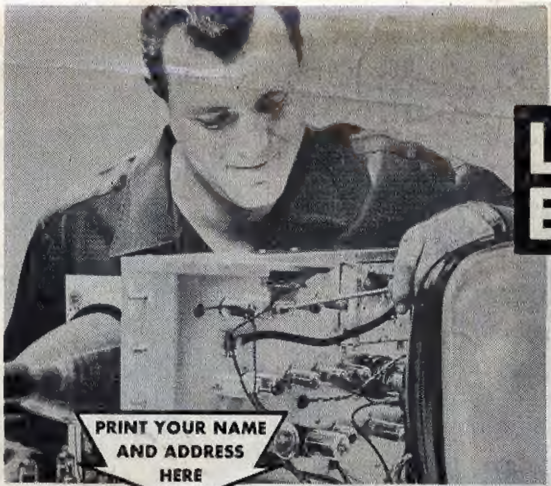

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